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THE HONGKONG REGIMENT.
An inspection parade of the New Regiment took place on the Fingis Ground, near the camp at Kowloon, yesterday afternoon. About 5 o'clock the men were drawn up in columns of double companies facing North—under command of Major Barrow—about 1000 strong. The first double company was in their full dress, and the uniforms were very striking—consisting of a grey tunic, red tunic and yellow sash and embroidery, whilst the legs are incased in white leggings similar to the spats worn by the Highland Regiments. The

Col. Jettard, D.A.A.G.A.; Capt. Glubb, R.E.; and Capt. Thomas, A.S.C., arrived on the ground, and received the usual salute—the band, consisting of bugles and drums, playing the bugle march. His Excellency then proceeded to inspect the men, and showed great interest as he went up and down the lines. On the inspection being finished the Regiment then marched past by double companies at the shoulder, then at the 'trot.' Forming up in double line, owing to the limited space, the men

of Captain Faithful, who was a fine
excellent soldier, and a very brave
as one, which no doubt was due to the clear
words of command given by Capt. Faithful
who had taken up a position on the hill
side where he could see and be well heard.
This order, the whole advanced in review
order and saluted and marched off.
The order of the day was then presented
separately to His Excellency, who returned
their salutes by placing his hand on the hilt
of each sword as it was extended to him.
Major Barrow and his officers deserve
great credit for the manner in which they
were, in such a short time, drilled, these
men were not used to any uniform, and
yet they were made to march in perfect
doubt there will be further improvement,
in fact the cases of perfection reached,
about say 3 months hence - when, perhaps,

viewing as fine a native body of men as anyone would wish to see.

It would have been an admirable lesson to some of our local jockeys, to have seen the manner in which the gallant Major handled a bucking pony during some of the most critical parts of the impromptu. Many of those who were present are of opinion that Major Barrow is a born horseman.

SUPREME COURT.

IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

(Before His Honour Mr Fielding Clark, Chief Justice, and a Special Jury.)

Friday, August 5.

**THE MURDER OF AN INDIAN
WATCHMAN**

TRIAL OF SAMI DEEN.

The trial of Sami Deen, receiving officer, Victoria, for the murder of an Indian watchman, commenced at 10 o'clock this morning.

the evening of Sunday, June 19, was resumed this morning.

On taking his seat, His Lordship said:—There is just one thing, Mr Attorney General, that strikes me. I think that your case is quite a little different from that of Dr Marquet, because evidence as to the injuries to the body, and he stated it was the body of a person to whom a paper was attached with the name Ram Sammy written upon it. That in itself is not evidence. I am not going to say that it is evidence of the person who wrote the name on the paper with the deceased man. I think the person who wrote the name on the paper ought to be called.

Acting Inspector Baker was put in the box and spoke to the paper being attached to the body, and he said the Moriarty was.

Q. Did not think the paper could be got. The papers attached to the bodies were not kept so far as we understand. He wrote the name Ram Sammy on the paper. He saw the paper on the clothes while Dr Marquet was in the hospital.

This closed the case for the prosecution.

His Lordship (to Mr Francis):—Would you like the prisoner to be questioned?

Mr Francis:—No, my Lord; I do not think it is advisable.

Mr Francis, Mr Forester, Mr Counsel for the defence, then commenced his address in opening the case for his client. Happily, he said, it was not very often that they had to investigate in this Colony a serious charge of murder of this description, such charges being happily very uncommon, and when they did occur—possibly because they occurred so rarely—the responsibility which fell upon all connected with the conduct of the case was very serious, for they were, to a certain extent, out of sympathy with the class of cases and the persons who were concerned in them.

all the parties connected with the conduct of such a case—the Judge, the Attorney General, the jury, and the counsel for the defence—may be fairly by the most common sense responsibility for the result, and the counsel for the defence. Because, on the conduct of the case, on the view he took of the probabilities on the one side or the other, on the method with which he dealt with the evidence, and the manner in which he gave directions to the jury, the very wide discretion entrusted to him for the defence might entirely depend. And probably one of the most serious questions that counsel for the defence must decide is whether to appeal, and if so, whether the case was whether at once at the close of the case for the prosecution he should appeal to the jury, without calling witnesses, whether, on the evidence of the prosecution as it stood, they would condemn any way? That the man was guilty, or whether it was advisable to carry the case on further and to call witnesses for the defence. In every criminal case, but more especially in a grave case of this character, the prosecution must satisfy the jury, beyond all reasonable doubt, that the man was guilty, or that it was advisable to carry the case on further. The nature of the responsibility is, therefore, upon counsel who—that a man's life

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